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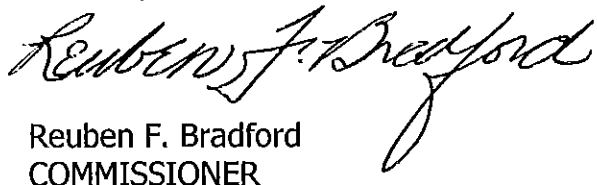
Rep. Gerald M. Fox, Co-Chairman  
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**HB 5432 AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL-BASED ARRESTS**

***The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection requests amended language if this bill goes forward.***

This proposed bill would require local and regional boards of education to adopt and implement policies concerning the role of law enforcement personnel assigned to their schools. Any such policy should be adopted in consultation with either the local law enforcement agency or the Division of State Police. It is essential that any policy implemented take into consideration law enforcement's statutory responsibilities. Any policy adopted will be better if all agencies sit down and discuss problematic areas and perceptions and draft a policy that everyone can work with. Since the proposed bill contemplates an agreement or MOU with the local law enforcement agency or division of state police, the agreed upon policy could be included in such agreements. It is respectfully requested, if this bill goes forward, that amended language provide for consultation with law enforcement on the issues addressed.

Sincerely,

  
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